

REMARKS

This paper is submitted following the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) that was filed on November 29, 2006, and prior to issuance of a subsequent Office action.

Claims 1-65, 67-228, and 233-236 were previously pending.

Claims 39-57 and 153-190 have been amended in this paper. No claims have been added or canceled in this paper.

Accordingly, claims 1-65, 67-228 and 233-236 remain pending.

Applicant expresses gratitude to the Examiner for the discussions between the Examiner and the undersigned representative on January 11 and 18, 2007. In those discussions, agreement was reached regarding the nature of the above amendments, and the Examiner invited the submission of this paper.

The above amendments add no new matter. Support for the amendments may be found, for example, on p. 21 of the Specification as originally filed.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that the claims remain in a condition for allowance, and earnestly solicits a notice to that effect. Should any issues arise that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia, 22313-1450, on February 9, 2007.

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